

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CAMERON TERRAL THOMAS,

Case No.: 2:22-cv-02030-JAD-EJY

Petitioner

v.

**Order Granting Motion for Voluntary
Partial Dismissal, Denying Motion to
Dismiss as Moot, and Directing
Respondents to File an Answer**

WARDEN OF HIGH DESERT STATE
PRISON, et al.,

Respondent

[ECF Nos. 15, 29]

Counseled petitioner Cameron Terral Thomas petitions for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 to challenge his Nevada state-court convictions and sentence for various sex offenses for which he is serving an aggregate sentence of forty to life.¹ In ground 8 of his petition, Thomas alleges that the state court erred by failing to grant him an evidentiary hearing on all of his claims.² Respondents move to dismiss this ground, arguing that it is not cognizable in federal habeas.³ In response, Thomas moves to voluntarily dismiss this ground.⁴ With good cause appearing, I grant Thomas' request to voluntarily dismiss ground 8, mooted the respondents' motion to dismiss, and I instruct Respondents to file an answer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that petitioner Cameron Terral Thomas' motion for voluntarily dismissal of ground 8 [ECF No. 29] is **GRANTED. Ground 8 is DISMISSED.**

¹ ECF No. 1.

² ECF No. 1 at 47.

³ ECF No. 15.

⁴ ECF No. 29.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents' motion to dismiss [ECF No. 15] is
2 **DENIED as moot.** Respondents have until September 16, 2023, to file an answer to the
3 remaining grounds in the petition on their merits. The answer must comply with Rule 5 of the
4 Rules Governing Proceedings in the United States District Courts under 28 U.S.C. § 2254.
5 Thomas will then have 60 days from the date of service of respondents' answer to file a reply.

6 Dated: July 18, 2023

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9 U.S. District Judge Jennifer A. Dorsey
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